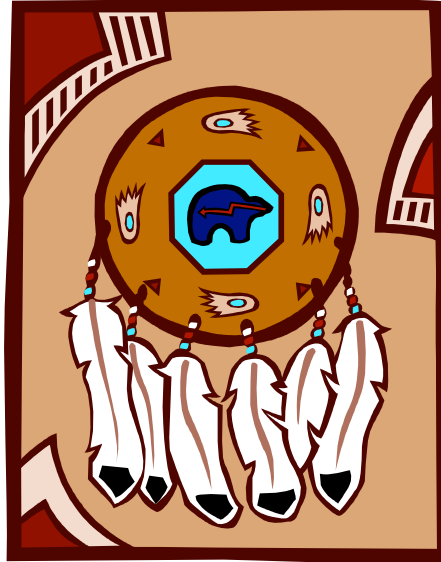


I LEAD

Indian Leadership Education and Development



The purpose of the I LEAD project is to recruit, educate, certify and place American Indian educators into administrative positions at schools with high populations of Native American students. Candidates will participate in five or six blocks of instruction spanning a timeframe of about 15 or 18 months. This instruction will result in the award of a Masters degree in Educational Leadership and Montana certification as a school principal. The curriculum focuses instruction on local school improvement initiatives through problem-based learning assignments. Classes will begin in Spring 2007 and will be held at Fort Peck Community College approximately once a month on a weekend during the school year. These courses will be telecast to locations throughout Montana via ITV. Summer classes will be held on the MSU campus at Bozeman. All participants must agree to serve as administrators in schools serving Native American children for a period of time equal to the length of their education and training.

Tuition and fees, including all admissions fees will be paid for each candidate. Additionally, candidates will receive books, supplies, and a laptop computer. During the summer, since classes are in Bozeman, each candidate will receive a stipend to cover the cost of living away from home and will be reimbursed for travel from home to the Bozeman campus. Each candidate will be assigned a mentor who is an experienced administrator of schools with high populations of Native American students.

In order to qualify for participation in the program, applicants must be a member of a state or federally recognized tribe or have a parent or grandparent that was a tribal member, and be a certified teacher with at least a Bachelor's degree. To apply for the program complete and submit the I LEAD application form with a self nomination letter and letter of recommendation from your current administrator. During the first semester of the program you must complete all the steps necessary for admission to Montana State University's Graduate Program to include: (1) completing the graduate application, (2) taking the GRE, and (3) requesting transcripts from previous colleges attended.

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